The prior art cited in applicant's form 1449 is the same as that cited in the parent application and therefore copies of the references are not necessary and are not being submitted. If the Examiner does want copies, applicant will submit them.

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## VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. A communication cable separator spline comprising:

a longitudinally extending spline having a plurality of spaced longitudinally extending open pockets,

a cross-section of said spline having a major axis and a minor axis,

said major axis having a length (36) larger than a length (37) of said minor axis,

at least one pocket being on the major axis, and

at least one pocket being on the minor axis[, and]

[each of said pockets have a cross-sectional area which is 75 % or less than a cross-sectional area of a circular envelope of an insulated cable to be placed in said pockets].